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1. PURPOSE. This bulletin provides updated information and guidance to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operations inspectors on monitoring part 121 operators before, during, and after a labor dispute, strike, or bankruptcy. The attachment is a revision of volume 3, chapter 125, Monitoring Part 121 Operators Before, During, and After Labor Dispute, Strike, or Bankruptcy, from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8300.10, Airworthiness Inspector's Handbook. This chapter has been published in Change 16 of Order 8300.10.

2. CANCELLATION. The FAA recognized the need to consolidate and update inspector guidance to provide a single point of reference for all ASI disciplines when monitoring part 121 operators before, during, and after a labor dispute, strike, or bankruptcy. Thus, this bulletin cancels the guidance relating to bankruptcy, labor disputes, and strikes in the following sections of FAA Order 8400.10, Air Transportation Operations Inspector's Handbook:

A. Volume 2, chapter 3, section 1, Air Carrier Mergers, Bankruptcies, and Acquisition of Air Carrier Operational Assets

B. Volume 6, chapter 2, section 13, Inspection Procedures During Airline Strikes, Labor Unrest, Financial Stress (PTRS Code 1629)

4. ACTION. Operations inspectors should use the guidance in Order 8300.10, volume 3, chapter 125 regarding bankruptcy and labor disputes instead of the present guidance in Order 8400.10, volume 2, chapter 3, section 1, and volume 6, chapter 2, section 13. Volume 3, chapter 125, of Order 8300.10 is attached.

For guidance regarding air carrier mergers and acquisitions, inspectors should continue to use the pertinent guidance in Order 8400.10, volume 2, chapter 3, section 1.

5. INQUIRIES. This bulletin was developed by the Air Transportation Division, AFS-200. Comments or questions about this bulletin should be directed to AFS-200 at 202-267-8166.

6. LOCATION IN HANDBOOK. An upcoming change to Order 8400.10 will reflect the changes in volume 2, chapter 3, section 1 and volume 6, chapter 2, section 13. This upcoming change will refer operations inspectors to Order 8300.10, volume 3, chapter 125 for guidance regarding bankruptcy, labor disputes, and strikes. New guidance about surveillance during Air Carrier Acquisitions and Mergers is currently being developed.

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Attachment